

#### **Monthly E-Newsletter October 13, 2023**

Learn about City Council Chat, Citizen of the Year, and Lots of Events...

#### Welcome to Belvedere Breeze!

Based on feedback from the community, Belvedere's newly-named monthly enewsletter has been redesigned to focus on the topics that are most important to our residents. *Belvedere Breeze* will be published on the Friday following each City Council meeting, so the information is fresh, informative and engaging. The newsletter will include updates on key city initiatives and important Council actions, as well as details of upcoming public meetings, events and community activities. Please use the "Feedback" button at the bottom of this edition to let us know what you like about *Belvedere Breeze* and how you think we can improve.

As a subscriber, you'll also receive *Belvedere Blast* e-alerts when we need to notify you about something important and time sensitive that comes up in between editions of this newsletter.

And if you haven't already visited Belvedere's redesigned website, be sure to **check it out**. We're still fine tuning it, so please give us your feedback by clicking the "Report an Issue or Provide Feedback" button on the home page or by entering "feedback" into the search bar.

# Community Meeting About Our Housing Element - November 9 at 5:30pm



Come to the Community Center to learn more about the Housing Element 2023-2030 on Thursday, November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Belvedere is required by law to plan for at least 160 new homes over the next 8 years to meet the needs of people of all ages, incomes and abilities. This is your opportunity to learn about legal

requirements and to share your thoughts and ideas on the future of our community and its unique challenges. More information to follow.

## **Belvedere Police Department News**

The Belvedere Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of its newest police officer, Erin Harrell. Our PD has been short-handed for the past



few months due to one officer leaving the department and another on long-term disability leave. Chief Wu and his officers have successfully managed through this challenging time while continuing to provide unparalleled service and security. Officer Harrell will be a welcome addition when she begins her training in mid-October. She is expected to be fully certified and

independent by February 2024.

In related Police Department news, on Monday evening, the City Council authorized the department to recruit and hire a replacement for the officer on long-term disability leave, funded in the current fiscal year by deferring some non-urgent capital improvements. Chief Wu has been fortunate to have the assistance of the Tiburon Police Department to help lessen the recent staffing shortfalls. Tiburon police officers have and may continue to temporarily cover shifts in Belvedere. The City has an agreement to reimburse the Town of Tiburon for its officers' time. Our sincere appreciation to Tiburon for their collaborative efforts and to Chief Wu and his officers for their dedication.

## Get Ready to Go 94920 - Saturday, October 14



Emergencies happen when we least expect them. Will you be ready? Learn how to prepare for the unexpected at Get Ready to Go 94920 on Saturday, October 14 in Zelinsky Park (behind Tiburon Town Hall). Hosted from 11am to 3pm by the Tiburon and Belvedere Police Departments and the Tiburon Fire Department, this family-friendly event will feature lots

of useful information and loads of fun, including a free BBQ, bounce house and live music.

## City Council Chat - October 26 at 5pm



Councilmember Sally Wilkinson and City Manager Robert Zadnik invite you to share your comments, questions and concerns at City Council Chat – an informal conversation about current topics in Belvedere. Whether you're interested in the city's finances, housing issues, climate action, how the city works, or any other topic, Sally and Robert want to hear your input, and

provide all the updates and answers they can. This informal, one-hour session starts at 5pm on Thursday, October 26, at the Belvedere Community Center.

## Ready, Set, Stop!



At its meeting on Monday, the City Council approved the addition of a *fourth* stop sign in front of City Hall. The current three-way stop at the awkward intersection of San Rafael, Laurel and Acacia Avenues has long caused confusion for drivers and safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists. Be on the lookout for the new stop sign scheduled to be installed in front of City Hall in

November. Get ready to stop for safety.

### Who Will Be Our Citizen of the Year & Citizen Emeritus?



Do you know a resident who has made a significant contribution to the community? Someone who has volunteered their time and skills to help make Belvedere the wonderful place that it is? Let's honor that person! Nominations are now open for the Citizen of the Year and the Citizen Emeritus for 2023.

Guidelines for nominating, a list of past honorees, and the nomination form, are located on the <u>city website</u>. All nominations must be received by 4:30 PM on Monday, November 20th. Send in your nominations so we can celebrate those who make the community tick!

## Coyote Howling - Dispelling an Urban Myth



Coyote howling at night can be loud and alarming. Residents may worry at the thought of hearing some poor animal being attacked. We want to dispel this urban myth. Coyotes, like other wild animals, are quiet when hunting or killing prey. They do, however, vocalize at many other times -- to greet one another, to communicate with family members, and as a way of establishing and holding territory. And because their

vocalizations are complex and can carry a half a mile or more, it can be difficult for humans to determine the number and proximity of the coyotes they hear howling (the "beau-geste" effect). To make a coyote report to the city, please use this **form**.

## Halloween Carnival in the Park - Sunday, October 22



Calling all ghouls and goblins ages 2 to 12! Celebrate Halloween on Sunday, October 22 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at Belvedere Park. Sponsored by The Ranch, the Halloween Carnival features a magic show, face painters, carnival games, pumpkin decorating, bounce houses and treats! Make sure your parents buy you tickets in advance. Adults accompanying children are free.

## **Belvedere Tiburon Library Needs Your Input**



Our library wants your ideas. Community input is vital to planning for the future. Be part of the decision-making process by completing the Belvedere Tiburon Library's online survey anytime between October 16 and November 5. Visit **Beltiblibrary.org**.

# **Helping Our Seniors Age in Place**



Did you know that over a third of Marin's population is over 60 years old? And in Belvedere over half our homes have at least one senior citizen? Belvedere's representative to Marin County Commission on Aging, Larry Binkley, reported to the City Council that the focus of this Agency is to raise community awareness regarding Seniors and to offer services

specifically for this age group. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance with issues focused on aging, such as Aging in Place, Long Term Care options, or In-Home caregiving, please call 415-473-INFO or go to <a href="Maintenance">OneDoorMarin.org</a> where your questions will be answered.

# **Upcoming Meeting & Events**

Get Ready to Go 94920

October 14, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Zelinsky Park

**Regular Planning Commission Meeting** 

October 17, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

Parks, Open Spaces and Lanes
Committee Meeting

October 19, 5:00 PM Belvedere City Hall

Halloween Carnival in the Park October 22, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Belvedere Park City Council Chat
October 26, 5:00 PM
Belvedere Community Center

**Housing Element Community Meeting** 

November 9, 5:30 - 7:30 PM Belvedere Community Center.

**Regular City Council Meeting** 

November 13, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

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